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WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS,  
No. 18, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Hongkong, 21st September, 1896. [400]  
**MOUNT AUSTIN HOEL.**  
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On SATURDAY NEXT, THE 26TH SEPTEMBER.  
By kind permission of Major RETALLICK and OFFICERS,  
THE BAND OF THE HONGKONG REGIMENT  
will play during Dinner and afterwards in the Hall Ground.

**THE TABLE D'HOTE DINNER**  
IS SERVED IN THE GRAND DINING ROOM,  
AT 8.00 P.M.

Tables or Seats can be reserved for the Table d'Hote and Wines food to order.

**MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL**

Hongkong, 19th September, 1896. (28)  
**W. BREWER & CO.**

**NEW BOOKS AND NEW EDITIONS.**

<b>STEPHEN'S COMMENTARIES ON</b> <b>THE LAWS OF ENGLAND, 4 vols.</b> .....	<b>PAASCH'S FROM KEEL TO</b> <b>TRUCK.</b> .....
Thursday Gorden's Poems.....	Cassell's Science for All, 5 vols. ....
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<i>American Cyclopaedia</i> , 10 vols.	45.00	Every Man his own Lawyer	3.50
<i>American Encyclopedia of Commerce</i> , 2 vols.	70.00	The Hastings-Cheer Tournament	6.00
<i>History of Literature</i> , by Simcox, 2 vols.	70.00	Brazey's Naval Annual	6.50
<i>How to Read Historical Manual</i>	1.75	Electricity Applied for Marine Engineers	2.00
<i>Hazardous Dictionary (Romanized)</i>	8.00	by Walker	2.50
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## W. BOFFEY &amp; Co.

TAILORS,

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Have an entirely New Stock of WOOLLENS to suit the Present and Coming Season.

Consisting of—

FANCY SUITINGS, DRESS, FROCK and MORNING COAT SUITINGS, ULSTER and OVERCOATINGS, BREECHES and RIDING MATERIALS in variety.

FANCY VESTINGS, TATTERSALLS and others.

Hongkong, 21st September, 1896.

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## Today's Advertisements.

## THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

(Incorporated in Japan under the authority of an Imperial Ordinance No. 29 dated the 6th day of the 7th Month of the 30th Year of Meiji.)

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....Yen 12,000,000  
PAID-UP CAPITAL....." 5,500,000  
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YOKOHAMA, JAPAN.Branches and Agencies:—  
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SHANGHAI.London Branch:—  
120, BISHOPSGATE STREET, WITHIN.  
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Hongkong Agency:—  
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DRAFTS granted on all the Principal Places in Japan and China, and on the Principal Commercial Centres in EUROPE, INDIA and AMERICA, and every description of Exchange Business Transacted.

NAO NABEKRA,  
Agent.

Hongkong, 22nd September, 1896.

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## NOTICE.

UNDER the Authority of the Directors and with the Sanction of the Japanese Minister of State for Finance, I have this DAY OPENED an AGENCY of the above BANK at No. 6, PRAYA CENTRAL and ICE HOUSE STREET, Victoria, Hongkong.

NAO NABEKRA,  
Agent.

Hongkong, 22nd September, 1896.

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## GRAND BALLAD CONCERT.

In Aid of the Funds of the HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY. Under the Patronage of H.E. Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON, K.C.M.G., Major-General WILSON BLACK, C.B., Commodore HOLLAND, R.N.

To be held at the MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL, ON THURSDAY, the 15th October, 1896, at 9.15 P.M.

A number of distinguished amateurs have kindly consented to assist.  
Hongkong, 22nd September, 1896.

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## PUBLIC AUCTION

OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, COTTAGE PIANO, BY COLLARD &amp; COLLARD.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION ON MONDAY, the 28th September, 1896, commencing at 10.30 P.M., at No. 66, Queen's Road East (Mody's Compound), the Residence of Mrs. HORTON.

THE WHOLE OF THE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising:—  
DRAWING-ROOM SUITE in SILK TAPESTRY, OVERMANTELS, MARBLE TOP and OCCASIONAL TABLES, PICTURES, ORNAMENTS, CARPETS, RUGS, FENDERS, &c.  
ONE COTTAGE PIANO, by Collard & Collard in Fine Condition.  
SIDEBOARD, DINNER-WAGGON, GLASS & CROCKERY-WARE, ELECTRO-PLATE and CUTLERY, PANTRY REQUISITES, COOKING-STOVE, &c.  
DOUBLE and SINGLE IRON BED-STEADS, &c., ONE AMERICAN WALNUT CARVE BED-STEAD, &c., MARBLE-TOP WASHSTANDS, DRESSING TABLES, WARDROBES, CHEST OF DRAWERS, BATHROOM REQUISITES, &c., &c.

Catalogue will be issued prior to Sale. On View from SATURDAY, the 26th September, TERMS OF SALE—Cash before delivery in Bank notes or by Cheques.

GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, 22nd September, 1896.

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## WANTED.

AN AUSTRALIAN GROOM who thoroughly understands and can manage HORSES.

Apply to X. Y. A., c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office.  
Hongkong, 22nd September, 1896.

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## FOR SALE.

The Belgian 100 A Iron Brew Steamer "ANVERS,"  
2,586 Tons Reg. Gross, 1,996 Tons Reg. Net, Lying in Hongkong Harbour.For Particulars, apply to LAUTS, WEGENER & Co., Agents for CAPTAIN & OWNERS.  
Hongkong, 22nd September, 1896.

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## Today's Advertisements.

## OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Steamship "COPTIC."

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Comersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

J. S. VAN BUREN,  
Agent.

Hongkong, 22nd September, 1896.

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## CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI, VIA SWATOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"WUHU,"  
Captain Benson, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 23rd instant, at Noon. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd September, 1896.

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## EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE (Calling at PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &amp;c.)

THE Steamship

"GUTHRIE,"  
Captain St. John George, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 25th instant, at 10 A.M. This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber which ensures a plentiful supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage. The Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon are carried. For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON &amp; Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd September, 1896.

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## "SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE. (Taking through Cargo to QUEENSLAND PORTS, ADELAIDE and NEW ZEALAND.)

THE Steamship

"MERIONETHSHIRE,"  
Captain Davies, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 25th instant, at Noon, instead of as previously advertised. For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd September, 1896.

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## "MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA. (Calling at NAGASAKI if sufficient inducement offers.)

THE Steamship

"AFRIOL,"  
Captain Gidding, R.N.R., will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 25th instant, at Noon, instead of as previously advertised. For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd September, 1896.

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## DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"FORMOSA,"  
Captain Robson, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 25th instant, at Noon. For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFAIR & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 22nd September, 1896.

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## OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUZ CANAL. (Calling at MALTA.)

THE Company's Steamship

"PATROCLOS,"  
Captain Dickson, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 28th instant. For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd September, 1896.

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## FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"LIGHTNING,"  
Captain J. G. Spence, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 29th instant, at 3 P.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd September, 1896.

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## CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TIENTSIN.

THE Company's Steamship

"KWEIYANG,"  
Captain Osterbridge, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 29th instant. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd September, 1896.

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## Today's Advertisements.



## NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO AND BOMBAY.

THE Company's Steamship

"HIROSHIMA MARU,"  
Captain C. A. Anderson, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 24th instant, at Noon, instead of as previously advertised. For Freight or Passage, apply to NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, General Managers.

Hongkong, 22nd September, 1896.

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## INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TIENTSIN (DIRECT).

THE Company's Steamship

"KWONGSANG,"  
Captain Staker, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 25th instant, at 4 P.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 22nd September, 1896.

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## THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON AND LIVERPOOL VIA STRAITS AND USUAL PORTS OF CALL.

(Taking Cargo at through rates for GLASGOW, CONTINENTAL PORTS, RIVER PLATE, &amp;c.)

THE Company's Steamship

"OOFACE,"  
H. Sommer, Commander, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 26th instant, at Noon.

FOR LONDON, VIA STRAITS AND USUAL PORTS OF CALL.

(Taking Cargo at through rates for LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, CONTINENTAL PORTS, RIVER PLATE, &amp;c.)

THE Company's Steamship

"NINGCHOW,"  
E. Warrall, Commander, will be despatched as above on or about the 5th October.To be followed promptly by the S.S. *Pinegrove* For Freight, &c., apply to HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd September, 1896.

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## CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHANGSHA,"  
Captain Williams, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 30th instant. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd September, 1896.

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## Intimation.

## A. S. WATSON &amp; CO., LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

## WINES AND SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London House, bought direct at first hand, imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all intermediate profits, and enabling us to supply the best growings at MODERATE PRICES.

PRICE LISTS, with Full Details, to be had on Application.

PORT after removal should be rested (months) before use. When required for drinking at once it should be ordered to be decanted at the DISPENSAIRE before being sent off.

SHERRY.—Excellent Dinner and After-Dinner Wines of very superior Vintages. All are true Xeres Wines.

CLARET.—Our Claret, including the lowest Priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine product of the juice of the grape and are not artificially made from raisins and dunnets, as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

BRANDY.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure COGNAC, the difference in price being merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKEY.—All our Whiskey is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brands in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKY marked "E" is universally popular, and is pronounced by the best local connoisseurs to be superior to any other brand in the Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from the Cellary or from our authorized Agents in the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD., THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.  
Hongkong, 19th September, 1896.

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## BIRTHS.

At Rushmore, Chelsea on the 16th instant, the wife of ALFRED KENNEDY, Agent for Korea, British and Foreign Bible Society, of a son.

On the 15th inst., at 12, Haabury Road, the wife of Mr. A. A. DA ROZA, of a son.

At the German Consulate-General, Shanghai, on the 18th instant, the wife of D. FOXER, of a daughter.

At Park Villa, Shanghai, on the 18th instant, the wife of P. L. RABOURN, of a son.

## MARRIAGES.

On 11th September instant at the Cathedral, Shanghai, to Rev. Mr. Welsh, Mr. W. N. FERGUSON, Subagent of the B. and F. Bible Society, Shanghai, to Miss SADIE DUNCAN, daughter of WILLIAM DUNCAN, Esq., of Elora, Ontario.

## DEATH.

At 22, Seward Road, Shanghai, on the 17th instant, NATH MUNRO, dearly beloved son of Ada and Nell Livingstone MUNRO, aged 10 months.

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1896.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

We note with regret that there exist some differences of opinion among our Portuguese friends which prevented them from bringing to a successful conclusion the meeting held on the 19th inst. for the purpose of devising some practical and appropriate method of celebrating the fourth centenary of the departure from Lisbon of the great Navigator Vasco DA GAMA on the voyage which terminated in the landing in India of the first Portuguese colonists and adventurers. We have not been able to learn on what special matters these differences of opinion have arisen, but we sincerely hope that during the adjournment they will be amicably settled. The occasion is as fully deserving of commemoration as the discovery of America by Columbus, and the whole credit of the enterprise belongs to Portugal and to her sons. We should like to ask one question. The express issued by the Honorary Secretary, Mr. J. D. H. S. RAMALHO, invites "todos os socios do Club, os seus amigos, e a Comunidade em geral"—all the members of the Club, their friends and the community in general to be present at the meeting. Is the "community" the Portuguese community only or the inhabitants of the Colony generally? There are many, we have no doubt, who would be glad to join in doing honour to the centenary, in addition to the fellow-countrymen of the great navigator.

Bangkok papers report the withdrawal from the banks of the Mekong of all the regular French troops, both native and European, and the substitution of the local militia in all the posts along that river. The Saigon journals confirm, apparently, these statements and point to a concentration near the coast of some ten thousand men of all arms, of whom three thousand are French. Is there any reason for this movement of troops? It is not for the purpose of forming a camp of exercise, or for the sake of combined instruction in military manoeuvres. There is not money enough to spare in the Saigon treasury for such a purpose as that. Is it for a movement by sea on Bangkok? If public report in Coochin-China is to be trusted, this is its probable destination, and yet one can hardly think so, while the settlement of all difficulties in connection with Siam and its territories made between France and Great Britain is so recent, and has, so far, led to no open differences on any point. May it be that the Philippines are aimed at? Spain helped France in 1860 in her initial conquests in Coochin and Cambodia. Is France about to repay the services then rendered by helping Spain to re-subdue her colonial dominions in the East? Is there any connection between the gradual accumulation of Russian troops in Vladivostok and of war material of very description and the drawing to the coast of a very considerable force of Frenchmen? There are now four general officers with these troops; a greater number than was employed in Annam and Tonquin during the war. What has drawn them from France towards the East? There is a powerful Russian squadron to leave the Baltic for the East early next year—perhaps this autumn—and no statement that the fleet now in Japanese waters is to return to Europe. Again, we ask, is all this accumulation of force in the East (only explicable on the supposition that aggressive operations are in contemplation) designed to operate against England or against Japan? These forces are not required for any defensive purpose whatever. There is neither internal rebellion nor foreign foe in the field. Why, then, this powerful Russian fleet in the north, this steady reinforcement month after month, of the Muscovite Army in East Siberia, this drawing to the coast to the south of us of a powerful French division with a war establishment of general officers? Can anyone suggest an explanation?

It is very difficult for us to discuss the Bannan difficulty, which is occupying so large a space at present in the Shanghai papers. The firm would appear to have chartered from one of the departments of the Chinese Government the three steamers, the *Sin Fook*, the *Kiangnan* and the *Bangkok*. There would appear to be some quarrel between Messrs BERNETT and the Chinese authorities with reference to these charters, but of what nature the disputes are or what are the merits and demerits of the parties, no one even in Shanghai seems to have any very definite ideas, however clear matters may be to the contestants. The *Kiangnan* is apparently under detention in Shanghai.The *Sin Fook* has been confiscated by the Customs at Chinkiang for an alleged breach of the Customs Regulations. The *Kiangnan* is under arrest in Hongkong at the suit of the Chinese Government, and a suit is pending for the recovery of possession of her. Under these circumstances we are precluded from commenting on what has taken place at Chinkiang and Shanghai, for the propriety or otherwise of the procedure at either place must be largely determined by a consideration of the antecedent facts on their merits and of the dealings between the parties. All three vessels are under the Chinese flag and Messrs BERNETT & Co., we are informed, are, in spite of the name, an English firm.

## TELEGRAMS.

(Special to Hongkong Telegraph.)

## THE REBELLION IN THE PHILIPPINES.

SAIGON, September 22nd.

A Havas message dated Paris 21st September states:—

A conspiracy has been discovered in Manila to murder the Governor-General. Hundreds have been arrested. The rebels are masters of the province of Cavite and are pillaging and slaughtering.

## REUTERS'S MESSAGES.

## THE SOUDAN EXPEDITION.

LONDON, September 20th.

The Egyptian forces have occupied Kerma unopposed. The Dervishes lost heavily in retreating in the direction of Dongola, where the gombas had already arrived and seized the treasury and granaries.

## LORD ROSEBERY ON THE SITUATION.

Lord Rosebery, in a published letter, says that in view of Russia's resolve to oppose the separate action of any Power with regard to Turkey, he is unable to agree to the proposal that Great Britain might depose the Sultan.

## (Via Ceylon.)

## THE SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

The race for the sculler's championship of the world was rowed today from Putney to Mortlake between Stanbury, of Australia, and Gaudaur, of America. The prize, in addition to the championship, was five hundred pounds. The race for the first mile was a dogfight, after which Gaudaur led and won by three hundred yards. Stanbury claimed a foul, which was disallowed.

## NOTORIOUS DYNAMITARDS.

LONDON, September 9th.

Gallagher, the released dynamitard, who has arrived at New York, is insane and has been placed in an asylum. Whitehead, who was also released lately, is deranged in mind.

## (Special to the Atlas.)

## RESULT OF THE GREAT YORKSHIRE STAKES.

The FIFTY-FOURTH YEAR of the Great Yorkshire Stakes of 15,000, each, 10 f. with 50 added, for foals of 1894, to run on three-year-olds; colts 8st. 12lb., fillies and geldings 8st. 10lb.; winner of the Derby at Epsom or Grand Prix de Paris to carry 12lb.; of the Oaks at Epsom, Two Thousand or One Thousand Guineas at Newmarket 7lb.; or of any three-year-old stake value 500 sovs. 5lb., extra; maidens allowed 7lb. The nominator of the winner to receive 100 sovs., the nominator and the owner of the second each 50 sovs. out of the stake. Entrances, 3 sovs. The only liability, if forfeit, he declared on the first Tuesday in April 1896, to go to the fund. One mile and three-quarters over the Old Course, 74 subs., closed 16th October, 1895.

## LONDON, August 28th.

Duke of Westminster's b c LABRADOR by Shanon—Ornament..... Cannon 1  
Sir H. Fitzgibbon's b c NOUVEAU RICHEL by Carlton—Novice..... Rickaby 2  
Mr. J. Lowther's b c LOVE LAKE by Swilington—Sub-Rose..... Woodburn 3  
Biting: 11 to 10 against Love Lake.  
Won easily by four lengths.

## RESULT OF THE GREAT EBOR HANDICAP.

The GREAT EBOR HANDICAP PLATE of 2,000 sovs., by subscription of 25 sovs. each, 15th and only 5 declared by Tuesday, August 11th; winners of any race value 100 sovs. after August 1st; of two races of 100 sovs. each or one value 300, 10lb., or of any race value 500 sovs. 12lb., extra; the second to receive 50 sovs. One mile and three-quarters over the Old Course (93 subs.).

Lord Derby's b c DINGLE BAY, by Minting—Disgle, 4 yrs.  
Mr. G. Mackintosh's b m PROSPERITY, by Ben Battle—dam by Uccas, 4 yrs. .... Bell  
Lord Derby's b c SON O' MINE, by Iscomy—Albion, 5 yrs. .... Rickaby 3  
Mr. J. G. Baird Hay's b c PALLANZA, 5 yrs. .... Allsopp 3  
Dead Heat.

In the deciding heat Dingle Bay won easily. Bittings: 5 to 1 against Dingle Bay.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

FIVE cases of cholera, all Chinese, discovered after death, were reported at Singapore on the 16th instant.

THE maximum strength having been reached, the standard for recruits has been raised in the Volunteer Field Battery.

CAPTAIN DONALD MACKENZIE has been appointed to succeed the late Captain McKenna as Captain-Superintendent of Police, Shanghai.

SIX excellent bags were made by local sportsmen on Sunday. They report that the birds are very plentiful this year and afford splendid sport.

We hear that the Grant-to-Ald examinations are to be spread over the year instead of all taking place within the last two months of the year as hitherto.

THE Volunteers will go into camp at Stonecutters Island from the 31st to 18th of October. As tents are to be used this year we trust stray typewriters will give the colony a wide berth.

WITH 25 per cent of General Weyler's forces sick or disabled, the fresh army corps which Spain is sending out to Cuba will no more than suffice to fill the gaps in the defensive ranks.

A LITTLE boy fell from the roof of a house at West Point on Sunday and was very seriously injured. His mother stubbornly refused to allow him to be treated by English doctors. The little fellow died yesterday morning.

We invite attention to the advertisement in this issue referring to a concert to be given at Mount Austin Hotel on the 15th proximo in aid of the Funds of the Benevolent Society. It should be a thorough financial success.

LATEST news from Yokohama sets forth that the "American Hustler" has been taken on by the *Box of Cards* to act as sandwich man, deliver express, black boots, and scour kulvers. He's got to stop in the *Box* until he's earned enough to hustle out of it!

AN Inquest was held by Commander Hastings this morning on the body of a bombardier in the Asiatic Artillery. The man fell from a verandah in Queen's Road East and fractured his skull. He died afterwards. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

Sir John Willoughby, the Hon. H. F. White and the Hon. R. White have been retired from the Army with the ordinary privileges of retirement. Dr. Jameson's other officers concerned in the Transvaal Raid will be permitted to return to their regiments.

We hear that a "Camp Gazette" is to be published by the Volunteers during their stay at Stonecutters Island, provided sufficient support is promised beforehand. If, after paying all expenses, a



It is notified in this issue that the Yokohama Specie Bank to-day opened a branch in this colony. Mr. Nao Nakamura is the Manager, and the offices are situated in Praya Central.

ACCORDING to late advices from Europe by the American mail Steamer, the famous chess player, is not yet willing to admit that Lasker's play is superior to his own. He was endeavoring to arrange for a post-mortem of the Budapest matches, timed to take place on September 14th, until sometime early in November, so that an opportunity might be afforded him to have a long rest before his encounter with Lasker at Moscow, October 12th. As the latter player is also desirous of taking a rest, it is very probable that in the event of the Hungarian tournament taking place according to schedule the match between the two masters will be played off in November, unless, as does not seem likely, Lasker withdraws from the contest.

THE ballrooms at the City Hall are being renovated in view of the approaching "giddy season" dances. It is rumored that a fancy dress ball will be given there this year, so our fair readers should rack their brains to find new and original ideas for dresses. Our man-about-town hears, on excellent authority, that the Town Idiot intends going to represent the Sanitary Board, as he considers no disguise will then be necessary. (Our paragraphist is off the rail here somehow. If the Town Idiot, whoever he is, and we believe we could give him a name, should go to the City Hall got up as the Sanitary Board, he will be most appropriately dressed and in a costume which he is distinctly entitled to wear. It will certainly not be a disguise, nor will it be a fancy dress. A lawyer in his robes, a soldier in his uniform, a headmaster or College Professor in their gowns are not in a fancy dress, neither would the Sanitary Board be wearing a fancy costume if it went as a fool; nor, indeed, would the fool if he went as the Sanitary Board. Ed.—H.K.T.)

THE Musar correspondent of the *Straits Times* writing under date 15th September reports as follows:—A crocodile seized a Chinese boy, about eight years old, at the riverbank, as he was looking on at a theatrical performance there. The reptile was making off with its prey when the cries of the boy aroused the people in the neighborhood. But none of them stirred to help, except one Malay lad who jumped into the stream and wrestled with the crocodile. The lad put his fingers into the reptile's eyes, which made it give up its prey, and then the boy was rescued, badly mauled; but it is expected that he will recover. The Malay got a few scratches from the crocodile's claws. The State Commissioner intends to bring this brave deed to the notice of the Johore Government, and also to ask 'H. H. the Sultan' for some mark of appreciation for the lad. In the meanwhile, the uncle of the Chinese boy gave the rescuer twenty cents as reward! This, says our Straits contemporary, courageous act of a Malay deserves to be brought to the notice of the Royal Humane Society.

IN reference to the seizure by the Chinese Government of steamers chartered by Messrs. Bennett & Co., of Shanghai, the *China Gazette* of 18th instant says:—The Bennett's difficulty has been further complicated by what has taken place in Hongkong, where the steamer *Ningchow* (late *Cass*), which went down to Hongkong for the protection of the British flag, has been arrested at the instance of the Chinese Government, acting through the Commissioner of Customs, Mr. Hillier, who along with a Chinaman named Lo, a clerk of Mr. Drummond's, made an affidavit before the Court that the charterers were indebted to the owners of the steamer. At Shanghai, too, there has been fresh trouble through Bennett & Co. endeavoring to retake possession of a quantity of coal belonging to them on the steamer *Kiangning* (late *Kwangtung*). This the Commissioner of Customs refused to allow them to do and declined to issue the necessary permit, while a menacing aspect is presented towards the *Kiangning* by a Chinese gunboat which has evidently been specially detailed to watch that steamer. Unless the Chinese Government has a very strong case it looks to us as if the power of the Customs were being used in a very reprehensible manner to enforce the high-handed action of the local mandarins. But we confess to know but only one side of what is evidently a very complicated dispute.

#### ANOTHER SANITARY BOARD MUDDLE.

McCALLUM v. EWENS.

At the Police Court this morning, before Hon. Commander Hastings, several owners of property were summoned for failing to comply with notices calling upon them to abate nuisances on their premises. In some cases fines were inflicted and the premises ordered to be put in proper order, and in others the summonses were adjourned. One defendant was Mr. C. E. Ewens, the solicitor, who was summoned in respect of a nuisance at No. 140, Praya. West. Mr. Ewens said he was not owner of the house and he had nothing to do with it. If the tenant did he might have something to do with it. He had told the Sanitary Board authorities who the owner was and yet he had been summoned himself. Mr. McCallum, the Secretary of the Sanitary Board, said that Mr. Ewens was registered at the Land Office as the trustee of the property. Mr. Ewens replied that there was no registration at all of titles of the Land Office; there was only a registration of deeds. He was appointed as trustee, but would not become an active trustee until after the death of the owner. He was willing to give the Sanitary Board all the assistance he could and said the proper person to summon was Chan Ching. Mr. McCallum therefore asked leave to withdraw the summons against Mr. Ewens and intimated that he would summon Chan Ching. The Magistrate consented to this course.

#### THE STRIKE OF NIGHT-SOIL COOLIES.

The worst has come to the worst, and the whole of the nightsoil coolies have struck work. They did not apply for licenses yesterday, although, according to a Sanitary Board notice, signed by Mr. Hugh McCallum, they were to receive "moon cakes" from the conservancy contractor as well as brand-new buckets free of cost. It is unfortunate that the new order of things was not made known to the nightsoil men in a way that would leave no doubt in their mind as to the real reasons for the new conservancy regulations, provided for by Ordinance in 1887, being now made operative. Inquiries have elicited the information that many men and women engaged in the removal of nightsoil have been so employed for many years and they object, not to taking out a license but to the fact that they are now ordered to appoint a committee of twelve, to represent them, and, in accordance with the Sanitary Board's regulations, may be prevented from continuing to earn their living as of yore should they do anything that the Board considers improper.

The new regulations read as follows:—

#### ADDITIONAL BY-LAWS.

(Made by the Sanitary Board under Section 13, Sub-section 8, of Ordinance No. 1 of 1887.)

1. The removal of excremental matters from premises other than those from which such matters are removed by the nightsoil contractor shall be carried out by nightsoil carriers registered by and holding a license from the Sanitary Board.

2. Licenses shall be issued in the first instance to the existing private nightsoil carriers, and no additional licenses shall be granted unless and until the necessity for their issue shall have been shown to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Board.

3. Licenses to nightsoil carriers shall be issued annually and shall expire on the 31st of December of the year in which they are issued.

4. Licenses shall be issued free of charge. In the event of the loss of a license a duplicate shall be issued on payment of a fee of 5 cents.

5. Every nightsoil carrier licensed under these by-laws shall, for the purpose of his work, use a bucket of such pattern as may from time to time be approved by the Sanitary Board.

6. Every nightsoil carrier licensed under these by-laws shall remove at least once in every 24 hours all excremental matters from the premises from which he shall have undertaken to remove such matters.

7. No nightsoil carrier licensed under these by-laws shall convey excremental matters along any public street or road except between the hours of 1 a.m. and 5 a.m.

8. The nightsoil carriers licensed under these by-laws shall elect yearly out of their number a Committee of not more than 12 in number to represent them.

9. Such Committee shall assist the Sanitary Board in exercising its strict supervision over the licensed nightsoil carriers, and in such other matters connected with the carrying out of these by-laws as it may be called upon to do by the Board.

10. Any licensed nightsoil carrier, being convicted of a second offence against these by-laws, shall forfeit his license in addition to any penalty inflicted under section 83 of the Public Health Ordinance.

Made by the Sanitary Board on the 18th day of October, 1894.

EDWARD A. RAM, Acting Secretary.

Approved by the Legislative Council, this 6th day of December, 1894.

J. G. T. BUCKLE, Acting Clerk of Council.

Council Chamber, Hongkong.

The following "notice" has been issued and a copy of it was given to each nightsoil man a few days ago:—

Sanitary Board Room, September 7th.

Each nightsoil man furnishes his name and address will be registered and a pair of buckets will be presented to him on Monday, the 21st instant, at the same time as moon-cakes are given to him by the conservancy contractor.

Those who do not receive a pair of buckets on the 21st instant will be supplied with them on making application at the Sanitary Board's Office, Beaconsfield Arcade.

It is only those nightsoil men who are registered who can lawfully be engaged in the removal of nightsoil from private dwellings.

Registration is free.

HUGH McCALLUM, Secretary.

#### THE REBELLION IN THE PHILIPPINES.

(Via Ceylon.)

MADRID, September 10th.

Latest advices from the Philippines state that a stubborn encounter has taken place between the rebels and the Spanish troops, in which the former were repulsed with the loss of forty-eight killed. The royal troops lost eight killed.

(Special to *Frederic Chronicle*.)

MADRID, August 21st.

An official dispatch from Manila announces the discovery in the Philippine Islands of a separatist conspiracy, the object being to secure independence from Spain. According to the official advices twenty-one persons have already been arrested, several being Freemasons. The news has caused great excitement in Madrid, and the police in consequence to-night raided the Hispano-Philippine Club and seized a large quantity of papers.

It is suggested by some of the papers that Japan is endeavouring to foment trouble in that part of the Spanish possessions for the purpose of extending the jurisdiction of her island empire over the Philippine Islands. The islands lie only about 250 miles south of the newly acquired possessions of Formosa, a number of small islands intervening.

Spain's army in the Philippine Islands is estimated at seven regiments of infantry and one of artillery with a squad of cavalry, the total effective force being 864 officers and about 20,000 men.

While commenting on the outbreak in the Philippine Islands, the *Senate-to-day*, Señor Castellano, the Minister of the Colonies, read several telegrams from the Governor of the islands, Captain-General Riano. These telegrams were to the effect that the conspirators aimed to secure the complete independence of the Philippine Islands.

Señor Montero also declared that the Liberal party was prepared to support all Government measures necessary for the maintenance of the Spanish integrity. Nearly all of the opposition leaders in the Chamber made similar pronouncements.

#### NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The Occidental and Oriental Co.'s steamship *Cochiti*, Capt. J. Sealy, R.N.R., from San Francisco, via Yokohama and Nagasaki, with the American mails up to 25th August, arrived in harbor this afternoon. We are indebted to our San Francisco exchanges for the subjoined interesting telegrams:—

LIMA (Peru), August 10th.

Senior Alonso has been proclaimed President of the Republic of Bolivia. There is universal satisfaction expressed, because of the prospect of long continued peace.

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Captain Burnell and twenty-two of the crew of the British tramp steamer *Moldova* were picked up at sea in three open boats by the Anchor Line steamer *Circassia*, which arrived from Glasgow to-day. The *Moldova* struck an iceberg in a fog at 5:30 p.m. last Wednesday, and sank, giving the crew barely time to provision the lifeboats and lower them. All hands were saved. The *Moldova*, which had a cargo of coal, was owned by the Mercantile Shipping Company of London.

NEWPORT, August 25th.

The marriage of Miss Gertrude Vanderbilt, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, to Harry Payne Whitney, occurred at noon to-day at the Breakers, Mrs. Vanderbilt's palatial summer home at Ochs Point.

LONDON, August 25th.

The betrothal of Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands to Prince Bernard of Saxe-Weimar will be announced in September. Queen Wilhelmina will be 16 years of age on August 31st, and Prince Bernard was 18 years old on April 18th last.

PHILADELPHIA, August 25th.

The gold standard Democrats who met here to-day perfected a State organization to be known as the Jeffersonian party, this being necessary, owing to a State law which prohibits conflicting party titles on the ballots. The Chicago Convention's platform and nominees are repudiated in the resolutions adopted, and President Cleveland's administration is upheld and the nomination of a new ticket by the Indianapolis Convention is demanded.

#### NEWS BY THE GERMAN MAIL.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Prinz Heinrich*, Capt. O. Clippers, with the German mails of August 24th, arrived in harbor this morning. We take the following items from our European exchanges:—

THE CRISIS IN GERMANY. A Berlin daily newspaper, *Reichsanzeiger*, a Berlin daily newspaper, announces that the Emperor William has authorized the preparation of a Bill for reforms in military criminal cases. The lines upon which the reforms are to be instituted were stated in the *Viet* on May 18th by Prince Hohenlohe, the Imperial Chancellor, in reply to questions by Dr. Lieber. The Bill dealing with the whole matter will now be submitted to the Federal Council at the autumn session of the House.

CHINESE BOYCOTT FOR EUROPEANS. His Excellency the Chinese Viceroy, Li Hung-chang, intends to confer the famous Order of the Double Dragon, which is divided into five classes, upon some 500 personages with whom he has been brought into agreeable association during his protracted tour. Paris, St. Petersburg, and London have all competed for the honor of supplying the sovereign, and it is gratifying to learn that the manufacture of the order has been entrusted to the Goldenweaver and Silkworms Company of Lyons, Reims, and St. Etienne. As a result of the above news the Chinese are excited in reproducing the difficult Chinese inscriptions and characters in the finest repoussé work in gold and silver, embellished by rich varicolored enamels.

THE PHILIPPINE TROUBLES.

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Great excitement prevails among all classes here. In the Senate to-day, the Minister for the Colonies read several telegrams received from the Governor-General of the Philippine Islands, announcing the discovery of the conspiracy and stating that the object of the conspirators was to secure the independence of the islands. Señor Montero also declared that the Liberal party was prepared to support all Government measures necessary for the maintenance of the Spanish integrity. Nearly all of the opposition leaders in the Chamber made similar pronouncements.

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Islands. The prisoners included two manufacturers, one of whom is a Frenchman, a doctor, and the secretary of the Hispano-Philippine Club. The latter denies that the club ever concerned itself with political intrigues. More arrests are expected.

Señor Canovas del Castillo, the Premier, interviewed to-day regarding the news from Manila, and that he had given instructions to the Governor-General to watch the secret societies in the islands.

"In consequence of a telegram from Manila," the Premier continued, "I have sent telegraphic orders to the Governor-General to act with energy, at the same time informing him that he will, if necessary, reinforce the army in the Philippines. The conscripts who are being landed at Zamboanga, Zamboanga, and other towns in Spain are the work of the Cuban filibusters, whose object is to divert the attention of Spain from the war in the island by causing troubles at home."—*Reuter*.

CHINESE CUSTOMS DUTIES.

Replying to a letter from the Blackburn Chamber of Commerce claiming that Lancashire should be heard upon the rumored increase in China customs, Lord Salisbury has written stating that no such proposal has yet been made by China to the English Government. His lordship's position, therefore, an interview would be premature, but invites the Chamber to state their views upon the matter, and promises his best consideration thereto in the event of such a proposal being made by the Chinese Government.

REINOLIN AND GERMAN COAL.

The Coal Producers' Association of Upper Silesia has petitioned the Minister of Public Works to reduce the railway rates for the transport of coal from the Upper Silesian mines. The petition contains statistical evidence to show that during the first five months of the current year the amount of English coal imported into Germany has increased by 119 per cent, as compared with the same period of last year. It is further proved that during the first five years of the present decade the importation of English coal into the harbours of Stettin and Swinemunde increased by 118.8 per cent, while the consumption of English coal in Berlin increased by 118 per cent during the same period. The reduction of the railway tariff between the Westphalian coalfields and Hamburg, it is urged, has effectively checked the increase of the English coal trade at that port, and has vastly benefited the Westphalian coal producers. A similar result might be expected in the case of Berlin, were the transport rates between Upper Silesia and the capital to be reduced. This petition of the coal producers of Upper Silesia deserves, says the *Times* correspondent, August 23rd, the serious consideration of English mine-owners as being calculated to strike a heavy blow at the English coal trade in the Baltic.

INDIAN COTTON.

The cotton crop in Coorg is expected to yield over 400,000 lbs. for export, compared with an average of 3,500. The expected yield is 50 per cent. less than that of last year.—*Times*, August 24th.

#### THE UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders at the twenty-third ordinary meeting to be held at the Society's offices at noon on the 5th proximo:—

The Directors have now to submit to the shareholders a Report of the business of the Society for the year 1895, and for the six months ending the 30th June, 1896.

1895. The net Premium collected for the year, after deducting Returns and Reinsurance, amounts to \$1,882,225. After providing for a Bonus of 20% on Contributions paid in April last, there remains at credit of Working Account a balance of \$613,500.65 as per annexed statement.

From this sum the Directors recommend the payment of a second Bonus of 5% on contributions, a dividend of \$15 per share, equivalent to 30% on the paid up Capital of \$50 per share, and an addition to the Reserve Fund of \$150,000, raising the Reserve to \$1,200,000. The balance remaining of \$463,500.65 they propose to carry forward and thus close the account for the year 1895.

1896.—The position of the Society for the present year, as far as it can be ascertained, is as follows:—

Balance of Working Account in the 30th June as per annexed statement.....\$ 748,885.30

Add estimate of premiums to 30th September.....430,000.00

Estimate of Losses to pay.....\$ 1,168,885.30

\$ 684,885.30

Directors.—Since the last general meeting Mr. A. G. Wood and Mr. D. R. Sassoon have resigned their seats and Mr. A. Ross, Mr. H. Stollerfoht and Mr. C. S. Sharp have joined the Board.

In accordance with clause 86 of the Articles of Association, Mr. N. A. Siebs and Mr. R. L. Richardson retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—Messrs. J. H. Cox and W. Hutton Potts retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

H. L. DALRYMPLE, Chairman.

Hongkong, 21st September, 1896.

#### THE JAPANESE IN FORMOSA.

The following interesting letter, the testimony of an impartial investigator who knows whereof he speaks, is reproduced from our morning contemporary, the *Daily Press*:—

Sir.—The writing of some of your correspondents in Formosa concerning the doings of the Japanese in the island has astonished me not a little, but none so much as that of your *Taiwan* correspondent. The reason has been that the doings of the Japanese have been so different from what I should have expected of that people, after a long experience of their nature gained from living amongst them. Still I had no means of ascertaining the truth or the want of truth of your correspondent's statements till lately. Since, however, I have been in Formosa, have travelled several hundred miles through the country, a great part of the distance through the districts in which the alleged "atrocities" took place, and have taken every opportunity of discovering what had been the actual truth, from what I could see and hear, what I could learn from the Japanese and Chinese, I have no hesitation in affirming that your correspondent's statements as to the action of the Japanese are, with a few exceptions, either exaggerations or pure fabrications. There have been no "atrocities" except inasmuch as every form of war is atrocious. Active rebels have been shot down or caught and executed without much mercy. I believe this is the custom with the people of all countries in such insurrectionary cases. Through the districts in which the rebels had been for a time, towns and villages have been burned, leaving the survivors homeless. I have heard of such things in cases of war in European countries and in America. That women and children were put to the sword is simply untrue, though it seems to be the

case, as is inevitable in war of any kind, more especially in the suppression of a rebellion, that some who were innocent suffered with the guilty and that the property of many who were not in any sense rebels was destroyed. The Japanese Government is now offering to compensate all who have lost in this manner.

Provocation for the rebellion was some undoubtedly, but it amounted to nothing more than the overbearing manner of soldiers and coolies and the petty tyranny of petty officials, concerning whom I am so far in accord with your correspondent that I wish the higher officials were made responsible.

Besides the writing of the correspondent above referred to and that of various others, I have read the letters of Mr. Davidson, who I mentioned in your issue of August 31st, and I must say that comparing the writings of all, and taking into consideration what I have seen and been able to ascertain at first hand, Mr. Davidson's writings come far nearer the truth than that of other correspondents. It may be the case that Mr. Davidson is ever prone to believe the statements made to him by Japanese officials, but it seems to me that he has shown a fine discrimination in sitting what is false from what is true.

But what is to be said of the other side? "There are European witnesses," writes your *Taiwan* correspondent. (The italics are mine.) The things witnessed are supposed to be the "atrocities" that your correspondent describes. One cannot help asking concerning these "Europeans"—where are they and who are they? There were two or three Europeans in the district of the rebellion many weeks ago, who may have seen a little of the fighting, but they long since left it. The plain fact is that the "atrocities" your correspondent reports come to him only from Chinese sources. Any people in the position in which the Chinese in Formosa now find themselves would be unlikely to tell the truth, and I have never, so far as I know, had a particularly high reputation for the article in question. Rather, they have had the reverse.

The real fact seems to be that the foreign community of which your correspondent is one chafes not unnaturally—at finding its privileges curtailed on account of the transference of Formosa from Chinese to Japanese rule, enjoys hearing news to the discredit of the latter people, and that there are easy means for getting such news manufactured to meet the demand, a Chinese being, as a rule, only too ready to furnish the kind of tales that he finds his listeners relish. Such expressions as "the Japanese" like all *Oriental* savages, *thirsted for revenge* are enough, without comment, to show the spirit in which your correspondent writes, and to throw discredit on anything that he writes, in the mind of any fair-minded reader, of whatever nationality.

Your correspondent states that the Japanese have not contradicted reports of the "atrocities." If he means that they have not actually contradicted what he has written, I cannot say him nay, because I do not know that any Japanese correspondent has noticed his effusions. On the other hand the Japanese newspapers print daily, or nearly so, matter from their own correspondents in Formosa which give a very different description of affairs from that of your *Taiwan* correspondent. I travelled for about a hundred miles with one of these correspondents and found him a particularly bright and intelligent man who had had a very thorough education in England.

I am driven to suppose that your correspondent expects official contradictions of what appears in your columns from him concerning affairs in Formosa; but you, I am sure, are aware that it is not the custom of Japanese officials to deny irresponsible reports that appear in foreign papers. Imagine, indeed, in any country, an official denial being given to such stuff as comes from your *Taiwan* correspondent!

This whole affair of the rebellion and its suppression is and enough at the best, and it really seems to me a pity that you should use your columns to make it appear more than it is by publishing reports so horribly exaggerated and distorted as those of your *Taiwan* correspondent.—I remain, sir, yours, &c.

W. K. BURTON,

Taiwan, 5th September, 1896.

#### SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MADE DUE: For Cal (Oceania) 20th inst. Australian (Changsha) 20th inst. American (City of Rio de Janeiro) 30th inst. Tacoma (Olympia) 4th prox. Canadian (Empress of China) 7th prox.

THE N. G. I. steamer *Blugno* left Singapore for this port yesterday, and may be expected here on or about the 27th inst.

THE P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *City of Rio de Janeiro*, with mails, etc., from San Francisco to the 3rd inst. via Honolulu, has arrived at Yokohama, and will leave for this port, via Nagasaki, at daylight on the 24th inst.

THE M. M. steamer *Oceanic*, with the French mail of the 28th August, left Singapore for this port at 5 a.m. to-day, and may be expected here on or about the 29th inst. This vessel brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 22nd July.

SHIPPING RETURNS. From 8 p.m. yesterday to 8 p.m. to-day. ARRIVAL.

China—Kaito-Hind " " Shanghai. Prins Heinrich " " Europe. Telarion " " Holland. Aggregating 17,442 tons register.

DEPARTURES. *Mayno* " " Canton. *Choyang* " " Canton. <



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